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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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HE SENT A MAN

God's Way of Sending is Often Different From Ours.

When God Sends, it is for a Purpose. God's Ways Are Higher Than Our Ways.

We sometimes hear it said, "The Lord sent me." Expressions like this are not infrequent among people that have become more spiritual than they used to be.

I used to be with a gentleman sometimes who was very careful to do nothing without the Lord "led" him, and would not go any place unless the Lord "sent" him. In his conversation he was constantly saying the Lord "led" him or the Lord "sent" him.

I do not object to being led by the Lord or sent by Him either. It is not wrong for one to say, "The Lord sent me to a certain place, or the Lord led me to do a certain thing." Divine guidance is a great thing, and it is certainly true that the Lord will lead people and send them too, if they will let Him.

We often pray for the Lord to lead us in the way we should go. This is like the Psalmist when he prayed, "Thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me and guide me." Psalm 1:3. The closer we are to the Lord the more careful we are about wanting the Lord to lead us. We know He knows the paths we should take so we love to ask Him to lead us in plain paths. Psalms 27:11.

We believe the Holy Ghost is given to be our leader and guide. He is to guide us in the way we should go. The apostle Paul says, "If ye be led of the Spirit," which indicates that Paul was a believer in divine guidance. Luke tells us that the Spirit led Jesus, so we believe the same Spirit that led Jesus will lead us. And if Jesus needed a leader surely we do.

But the Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil, and He was out there for forty days where He could not get any food, yet the Spirit led Him out there.

It is often thought that the Lord leads people into pleasant places, and when the way seems rough and there is trouble in the way it is common to say the Lord did not lead into that place. I have heard people say, "The devil led me into this trouble." But here is a plain example where the Holy Spirit led Jesus into a place of trouble, and if the Spirit led Jesus into a place of trouble and where He got hungry, why should not we expect the Spirit to lead us into similar places sometimes?

It is the Lord's plan for us to be so close to Him and understand Him so well that He can guide us with but little difficulty. An experience of this kind is described by David where he says, "I will guide thee with mine

eye." In order to make the teaching more forcible he adds, "Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle." Psalms 32:9.

While the Lord leads and guides, He also sends. God sent Moses to Pharaoh; He sent His prophets to Israel and Judah. Jesus sent the Twelve Apostles and the other Seventy. It is true that God sends as well as leads His people. He sent Jesus to this world, and if He sent Jesus to this world we need not think it strange that He sends His people anywhere in the world.

While we believe that God sends people where He wants them to go, yet we may not always understand His manner of sending. The question may arise, How do I know the Lord wants me to go? I want to be obedient, and I want to go when He sends. You need not be uneasy, my brother, when He sends, you will go all right. You need not be afraid of that line. The Lord might try to lead you, and you might be stubborn and not go, but when He gets in behind you and He sends you, you will go. He sent a man, and He can send you.

I have read of a man that God sent, and he went. He did not go because he wanted to go, but he went because God sent him and he could not help it. I see him as he leaves home. He was not an old man of long experience, he was only a young man. He is sometimes spoken of as a mere boy when he left his father's house to start on his journey to Egypt. His name was Joseph.

When Jacob sent Joseph on that errand that day to see how his older sons were getting along with their flocks and herds he did not know he was starting his boy off on such a long journey. But God's way of sending is often different from ours.

I want to notice the road that Joseph traveled to get to Egypt to accomplish God's purpose. Before Joseph reached his brethren they conspired against him and some of them thought to kill him, but as they counselled about the matter they decided to cast him into a deep pit in the wilderness. So at an opportune time they relieved him of his coat of many colors and sure enough they cast him into the pit.

That pit was a queer railroad coach in which to journey to Egypt, but God had sent him to Egypt and to Egypt he must go, and that was one part of the way. I will repeat that God's way of sending is often different

from ours. We never would have thought of putting Joseph into that pit to get him into Egypt. But that was God's way and it is not to be criticised. And it is plainly stated that God sent him. The Psalmist says, "He sent a man before them, even Joseph." Psalm 105:17. So there can be no question about God sending him, but we see him landed in a pit away over in Dothan.

It was not long, however, until he was out of the pit and on his way to Egypt sure enough, but he was now a slave, for his older brothers had taken him out of the pit and sold him to a band of Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver. Instead of Joseph paying his own fare to get to go to Egypt because God had sent him, these merchantmen paid twenty pieces of silver for the privilege of taking him down there. That was God's way, but I guess it did not look very good to Joseph.

No doubt the dear boy was home sick and did not want to go, but God sent him and he had to go, and that was God's way of accomplishing His purpose. I guess Joseph wanted to get away from those Ishmeelites as bad as some of our boys want to get out of the army, but God had sent him to Egypt and he had to go, and had to go as a slave, but he went at the expense of others. He did not have to pay a cent for food or clothing. He had no expense whatever. He was on his way to Egypt at God's command, although the manner of travel and the circumstances were not very inviting.

The next time we see Joseph he is in Egypt. The Ishmeelites cared nothing for him except what money they could make on him. They sold him and of course went off and left him, but God made them take him down there and pay his fare and provide for him while on the road.

It was not long until Joseph was made overseer of his master's house, although he was a slave. God was leading and God was sending. I've often wondered if Joseph had ever had any thoughts of why he was there up to this time. I have wondered if he did not feel that he was in Egypt for some special purpose, or was he discouraged and home sick most of the time. For some reason there is a curtain drawn over this matter and we are left to be entertained with our own thoughts about it.

The next view we get of Joseph is where he pulled himself away from a woman because he was too much of a gentleman to debase himself, and possessed principles of such a high order that he would not wrong his master by submitting to the persuasion of his master's wife.

He is on his way to be governor of Egypt and a preserver of life. I wonder if he knows it. But whether he does or does not, he is a God-sent man, and this God-sent man is possessed of a noble untarnished character. I wonder if all God-sent men, and women too, do not have such noble characters as was displayed in Joseph on this special occasion. I leave my friends to answer the

question as I pass on. I am afraid some might wonder if they were God-sent if I tarried here long.

The opening of the next scene reveals Joseph in prison. He had not done wrong, but he was behind the bars. He was now both a slave and a prisoner. This does not look much like he was to be the governor of Egypt and a preserver of life to whom his father and mother and all his brethren would bow. But there he is. This does not look much like he was a God-sent man. I fancy I hear a voice say, "I do not believe God has sent him or he would not be in prison like that. I believe God will take care of those He sends better than that." All right, but Joseph is a God-sent man, and yet he is both a slave and in prison.

Naturally, we would suppose those were dark days for Joseph. But whether they were or not, history does not reveal it. But there is one thing that is mentioned that must not be overlooked, the record says, "But the Lord was with Joseph." This is sufficient to show that when God sends a man He will not forsake him, but will stick to him in slavery, in prison, in reverses and at all times and under all circumstances.

Call attention to one more scene before we leave this God-sent man. He was in the prison two full years forgotten and neglected by one whom he believed to be his friend. When he gave the interpretation of the dream of the butler who was in prison with him and showed him that he was to be released from prison in a few days, Joseph said, "But think on me when it shall be well with thee, . . . and make mention of me unto Pharaoh and bring me out of this dungeon." But after the butler was released he forgot Joseph for two whole years.

Although Joseph was pronounced dead by his father and brothers, and in prison and forgotten by his friend, he was a God-sent man and God was ever with him. But after it was all over and Joseph was now governor of Egypt I hear him say to his brothers one day, "God did send me before you to preserve life, . . . so now it was not you that sent me hither, but God."

This kind of sending certainly proves that God's way of sending is often different from ours. If we should have to go through a pit and be sold as a slave and lie in prison for years forgotten by our friends we might well question whether God had sent us or not. I have heard some say, "I know God sent me because I was supplied with every comfort, given money to pay my fare, got a good round sum of money at the meeting for my services. O, yes, I know God sent me to that place."

But listen, what about the other place where you were forced off some how beyond your control, when you did not much want to go, and your clothes threadbare, and holes in your shoes and after you had preached and prayed, and was neglected by those to whom you preached, and you worked and toiled two

weeks, and then when you closed some one handed you fifteen cents? Did God send you there? How easy to say under such circumstances that God did not want you there.

But no matter where you go or what is accomplished when God sends, it is for a purpose. In Joseph's case he sent him over that rugged road to preserve life. Did not look much like it while he was on the way, nor while he was in prison, but God knew His business and worked it out according to the counsel of His own will. Joseph said to his brethren later on, "Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive."

Now, if God has sent you, brother, whether matters seem to turn to your hand or against you, think of Joseph in the pit, sold as a slave, put in prison, neglected for two years, and yet God had sent him. You may glory over your successes, that is all right, but you must learn to glory in tribulation just as well. (Rom. 5:3.) Do not get discouraged and turn back and begin to say, "God has not sent me," when you meet with oppositions, and do not get enough money to support your family. When God sends people He will stand by them, but He may let them go without a coat for a while like Joseph was robbed of his coat; He may let them get hungry like Jesus was when the Spirit thrust Him out among the wild beasts; He may let their family endure some hardships and go hungry part of the time; He may let them be neglected by their friends for two years or more at a time. But all these hardships are not signs that God has not sent.

Some one has said, "I believe if God sends a man God will supply his needs and take care of his family, too, and if it is not done God has not sent him and he had better go back home and go to work and support his family and make money to send the other fellow." But such a conclusion is without foundation and is unscriptural. No one will doubt John the Baptist being a God-sent man. Then see him so neglected by his friends that he lived on locusts and wild honey. See him dressed in that coarse garment that is not worthy the name of a suit of clothes.

The writer knows what it is to preach with one side of his shoe worn out so that the toes and side of the foot were only covered by a ten cents cotton sock. He knows what it is to go hungry, and wife and children at home feeling the pangs of hunger creeping upon them, and the children put to bed crying for bread. Was he a God sent man? Did God send him? Leave this for others to answer. Many other things he knows that it is not necessary to mention here.

But it is true, God sent a man, and He has sent thousands of them, and will send thousands more. He is preparing them now. He may be sending our boys that are in the army and those who will go very soon, more than we think. Of course

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Help us make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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Some one from Ashland City sent ten cents for "The Story of Walter" but gave no name.

The Minutes of the Assembly are now ready for mailing. They contain much information that will be very helpful to those who are interested in the Church of God. Hope our people will order them at once and begin to study them. See prices elsewhere.

Several applications to attend the Bible Training School have already been received. We are expecting to open the school promptly on New Year's Day. Hope all who expect to attend will let us know at once so we will know the number to make provisions for.

It is now time to order the Sunday School literature for the first quarter of next year. Hope every school will start in the new year with renewed energy and prepare for a big year's work. Special effort should be made to increase the attendance right at the beginning. The churches that do not yet have Sunday Schools should organize and commence work with the beginning of the year.

For some reason our notice about Dec. 9, being the day for Home Mission collection failed to get in the paper last week like we expected. Very sorry of this, but if any church failed to recognize last Sunday as Home Mission, it should be done as soon as possible. This Home Mission work must not be treated lightly or neglected. Be sure and read about the Home Mission day in another column.

Alachua, Fla.

Dear Children of God:

I praise the Lord for salvation through the precious blood of Jesus. He has really saved me from my sins, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. Again, I praise Him for the stripes He suffered that I may be healed. I am determined to go through with Jesus.

I ask the prayers of the saints for this country that men and women may be brought into the fold of the good Shepherd. I believe the end is near.

Please pray for me that I may be in God's will continually.

George L. Hadsock.

Christmas Meeting at Lake Park, Ga.

There will be a Christmas meeting at Lake Park, Ga., beginning Dec. 23. Everybody is invited to attend. We are looking for great things from the Lord.

Sister Bertha (Smith) Hadsock and her husband are expected to be with us and have charge of the music.

Yours for lost souls,
Jim Aylor.

Macon, Ga.

Church of God Mission.

Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Preaching 11:00 a. m., and 7:00 p. m. Tuesday and Friday 7:30 p. m., corner of Oak and 3rd streets, five blocks south of Dempsey Hotel.

W. W. Rush.

Asheville, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We are very glad to have the privilege of sounding a note of praise to our King. We are so glad He is still blessing and the heavenly fire is still burning. Hallelujah!

We have been on the go for Jesus ever since the Assembly. After leaving Harriman we went to Talbott, Tenn., where we preached for about ten days. The Lord wonderfully blessed us. Many fell in love with the truth and confessed to its being the Bible way. Of course others stayed away and grumbled while we were having a good time. The people there are certainly anxious to have the Church of God. They are arranging to build a church.

From Talbott we went to Copperhill and spent a few days preaching the Word. While there we received a message to go to Whitestone, Ga. to pray for a sick child. The Lord wonderfully blessed and healed the child. We stayed there about ten days. We found the saints on fire for God and the power fell all through the meeting. As the Lord continued to bless we were greatly edified.

Leaving Whitestone we came to Asheville, N. C. where we are at this writing. We have found some good spiritual saints here. We ask you all to pray much for us that God will use us to the upbuilding of His cause. Pray that we may do at all times just what God would have us do.

May God bless you all.

Yours in Him,
G. T. Stargel.
E. C. Smith.

Lawton, Okla.

Dear Editor and Evangel Family:

The Evangel has been a great blessing to me. As I read its pages and refer to my Bible it helps me to learn the truth and I have put aside things that I should have done a long time ago. The true light is shining in my life today although I am one of the least and have many things to learn.

I was converted several years ago; seventeen years afterward I heard sanctification preached and I began seeking the experience and praise God, obtained it. The Lord cleansed me from head to foot and I want the world to know it.

I want the readers to pray that we may have a Church of God in Lawton.

Yours in Christ,
Celia Pippin.

Special Notice to all Churches in Alabama.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Alabama City District, Alabama City, Bankhead, Blake, Fosters Chapel, Fyffe, W. H. Ridgeway and Springville, R. I.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Anniston District, Crumley's Chapel, Hurricane, Jacksonville, Piedmont, Pell City and Coal City.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Dora District, Coalburg, Bethel Creek, Dora, Empire, Falls City, Helicon, Kimberly and Mt. View.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Buhl District, Antioch, Corinth, Holly Springs, Job's Chapel, Pearl's Chapel and Spring Valley.

First district quarterly meetings:

District? Alabama City.
Place? Alabama City.
Time? Jan. 1st Sunday, Friday and Saturday before.
Anniston district. Place? Jacksonville.

Time? Jan. 2nd Sunday, Friday and Saturday before.

Dora district. Place? Dora.

Time? Jan. 3rd Sunday, Friday and Saturday before.

Buhl district. Place? Buhl.

Time? Jan. 4th Sunday, Friday and Saturday before.

Who are invited? All who care to attend.

Who are expected? Every Pastor, at least one Deacon from each church; the clerks and treasurers; the Sunday school superintendents and the Evangelists.

Each official member is expected to bring a written report, from Nov. 1st 1917, to time of meeting. Each clerk and treasurer is expected to bring their books with them.

From 10 to 11 a. m., each day will be devoted to prayers, praises and religious talks.

From 11 to 12 a. m., preaching. From 2:30 to 4 p. m., business except Sunday. The Sunday afternoon will be devoted to general discussion on how to increase spirituality in the churches.

Let us do our best to make these meetings count for God and the church. I have been able to place several pastors. I am expecting Brother Z. D. Simpson to take charge of the entire Buhl District until the 1st quarterly meeting on that district with Buhl church excepted if they take Brother Holcomb for pastor. The reason I do this is because I have not been able to reach them yet.

Thy brother,
J. B. Ellis.

Sale Creek, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise God this morning for victory in my soul. Hallelujah! The love of God fills my soul.

We have just closed a few days meeting at South Sale Creek. The Lord certainly did bless. The saints shouted, danced and talked in tongues. Some were sanctified and some reclaimed.

Brother Ricketts, our pastor, was with us Saturday night and Sunday. We are always glad to have him with us. He gives us the Word in its purity.

Please pray for the work here.

Your brother,
Logan Alexander.

East Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for full salvation through Jesus our Lord. I have been in the way about eight

teen months. The way is a delightful way. I am determined to live for God and be faithful to Him.

I appreciate the Evangel very much. It does my soul good to read its contents.

Please pray for me that I may live humble at Jesus' feet.

Your sister in Christ,
Sallie Scribner.

Rhine, Ga.

Dear Editor:

I enjoy reading the Evangel so much; it contains much soul food. I feel like I could hardly get along without it.

I praise the Lord for the great blessings He has bestowed upon me. I love Him because He first loved me. Through His loving mercy I am saved and sanctified. I mean to serve Him and be obedient to every command. I am out for Jesus only. I am satisfied with the way. Praise the name of Jesus!

I have just come home from Broxton, Ga., where I enjoyed a few good services with Brother S. R. Mitchel. He is in a glorious meeting at that place. I pray God's blessing upon him and his helpers.

Please pray that I may receive the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

A. M. Martin.

Asleep in Jesus.

Little Frank Higdon, eight-months-old son of Brother and Sister J. R. Higdon went to live with Jesus Dec. 6, 1917. The little darling had been sick ever since he was six weeks old. The parents trusted him in God's hands and his body was often touched and relieved of pain. The saints prayed for him many times but it seemed to not be God's will to heal him.

Funeral service was conducted by Brother Joe Canupp and the remains laid to rest in the Coleman cemetery.

Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for saving me, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I have a desire in my heart to go through, to follow Jesus all the way.

I desire your prayers that I may have grace to stand true and be ready when Jesus comes or calls.

Your sister in Christ,
Ruby Guthrie.

Crab Orchard, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Through Jesus' precious blood I am still saved and sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord!

I have been in this way over three years and I love the way even better than I did when I first started. I am more determined to go all the way than ever before.

This world is not our home, but we are looking for one that is eternal. If we miss that, we shall have missed everything.

Please pray for me and for the band at this place. We need your prayers.

Your sister in Christ,
Ethel Rymer.

Coalfield, Tenn.

Dear Readers:

I praise the Lord for the prayer meeting we had last Sunday afternoon in which three received the Holy Ghost.

I praise God for His healing power. I was so sick my wife led me into the room where the service was, but the Lord healed me and I danced over the room. Glory to His blessed name!

Your brother,
Henry Ledford.

Christmas Meeting at Empire, Alabama.

A great meeting is anticipated for Empire, Ala., beginning Dec. 22, continue ten days or longer. We will have with us Brother W. F. Bryant of Cleveland, Tenn., who will preach for us. Of course other ministers will be here also.

People from quite a distance are coming. Everybody is invited. Everybody come, and feel free to work in the meeting.

Z. D. Simpson, pastor.

Blairsville, Ga.

Dear Evangel Family:

I praise the Lord for His mercy and love. He has done so much for me. He has blessedly saved me, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. The Comforter abides today. Glory to Jesus!

Six others at this place have received the Holy Ghost and spoken in others tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

We desire the prayers of all the saints. We would be glad for some minister to come this way and set the church in order.

Your humble brother,
Lum Ownby.

Trappe, Md.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I praise God today for an experience that we can know about, preach, live, and prove by God's own precious Word. "We are living epistles read and known of all men."

I am so glad we have an experience that encourages us and helps us to press on the upward way. New heights we are gaining every day. Glory to Jesus! Hallelujah!

We know that God's Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are His children. Old things have passed away and behold, all things have become new. We are new creatures in Christ Jesus. Praise Him for such an experience. Glory! A new creature! New ideas, new desires, new joys, new pleasures—a new creature!

Oh, how we praise Him for His blood! I know He died for me, to cleanse me from all unrighteousness. I know He did cleanse me; the Holy Ghost witnessed to it. Yes, glory be to Jesus, He showed me that I was clean through and through. I knew the blood of Jesus was applied because with out the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. Hallelujah!

This experience is something to tell the world about, something we can know; we do not have to ask another. It satisfies the longing of our hearts.

After being cleansed we tarried for the promise of the Father—the blessed Holy Ghost. We knew when He came; He testified of Jesus. He did not speak of Himself. We knew He had come to abide forever. Oh, bless the name of the Lord! We heard Him speak. "My sheep know my voice" says the Word. Can we explain such an experience? Never!

There is sunshine in a life that possesses such an experience; there is joy unspeakable and full of glory. Jesus has promised to never leave us. His grace is always sufficient.

I am in this way to stay and by His grace I am going every step of the way.

Your sister,
Olara Mulliken.

Self-Denial, The Salvation Way.

SAM. C. PERRY.

"And He said to them all, if any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9, 23:26.

Giving up sin in all its forms and surrendering all to God is the starting point in the Christian life, and the very basis of the life of continued victory is the denial and abstaining from those things which are antagonistic to the Christian spirit.

A man who never repents of sin, never finds God's favor, for Jesus said, "Except ye repent ye shall perish." Nor does a man follow Jesus and obtain the benefits without denying himself and bearing his cross daily. The victorious soldier is bearing the cross and practicing self-denial "daily"—all the time.

St. Paul declared that he died daily, and counted everything loss for Christ. And he did not seek his own pleasure or profit, but lived a life of continued subjection to Jesus Christ, whose will and interests he put ahead of every desire of comfort, pleasure or good that he could possibly wish on earth, even his life he did not hold dear to himself, but put it at the disposal of the Master he loved better than life that the cause of truth might be promoted as much as possible.

If men today could be brought to that degree of love and subjection to Jesus Christ that Paul and the apostles were there would be no difficulty about the good work of the church going forward. There would be men and women to carry it; nothing could stop them. They would leave all and go. No earthly tie, or prospect would interfere. Their wills would be yielded to God, and go they would, with the self-denying spirit of God's ministers of new testament times; their highest aim would be the will of their Master, and not selfish ease, comforts and earthly standing or luxuries. They would not cry out "no means" or any other excuse, but like Peter, Philip and Paul of old their prayers and faith in God would open doors, supply needs, and things would move wherever they went.

That loving self-denial spirit of Pentecost would soon fill the treasuries with money, there would be no lack. The ministers who do faithful service at home, those in foreign fields, the poor and needy, orphans and widows all would be supplied. Such results would be bound to come with the fulness of the Holy Ghost who brings in the spirit of the meek and lowly Christ, who wishes for His hosts all the glorious and powerful benefits and blessings which he shed His blood to bring to His conquering hosts.

Be sure, my beloved, if we do not possess the humble, self-denying spirit of Jesus it is because we are short, we are not what He wants us to be, He is not in us. We are strangers to that spirit and power He gave at Pentecost.

We may profess, our name may be on the roll, we testify after a fashion, but the fruits of our daily life tell. What do they tell? What are we doing for Jesus Christ and the souls that He died to save? Have we fruits that abide? Do we not think more of appearances, and things visible and material, than of the power of the Holy Ghost

and the unseen glories that should be ours?

Jesus Christ is our Head and has given His blood to redeem us and make us His peculiar treasure, and prepare us for glories that are beyond this "vale of tears" when He comes to make up His Jewels. But unless we take the "way of the cross," the "humble way," the way of crucifixion to the things of earth, and deny ourselves and follow after Him, we will never taste of that supper which awaits.

We wonder that the disciples reasoned among themselves who should be the greatest, and Peter followed afar off, and some did not know Jesus when He walked with them by the way. But that was before Pentecost, and some of us are away beyond our Pentecost, in profession, and no better than they were, if anything worse.

Surely it's time for us to be crucified to all the things of earth, and denying ourselves, follow after Jesus with the fulness of His life and power shining through us, accompanied with the signs that would convince the world that we had been with Jesus. We have been lifting our banners to the breezes and now the world is looking to see us make good our claims, can we do it?

But if we do, it means that there has got to be a getting down before God and praying through. The flesh with all its desires can have no voice now. Pride and worldly conformity of every nature must go, covetousness, catering to certain classes for money, pushing collections, making touching appeals for financial aid in a way to move the sympathy of the people, or getting the eye on money in any way, must not be among us. But through every avenue of our life must be the evidence of the presence of the Christ who rules our life and reveals Himself to the world through us.

If we were looking for Saint Paul or Saint Peter to come to town we would not expect to see them fixed up like traveling salesmen, nor would we expect to hear them talking and see them acting as the world, but there would be the meek and lowly spirit of their Master. The things of the kingdom of heaven would be their topic of conversation. Their very hearing would show they were not of this world.

But many of us want to keep up with the world, enjoy its pleasures, keep in its favor, and look as much like it as possible. If our wives and daughters are not as well dressed we are ashamed of them, and if we are looked down on it hurts us to the heart, and although we profess to follow the meek and lowly Lamb of Calvary, we don't want to look or act or walk any more like Him than we can help. But we want all the blessings, good feelings and favors we can get from Him. It is no wonder that we are always getting into bondage to something, or in the doubts, or cold and have to be revived, or in trouble of some kind or other.

Truly, it is a wonder that God is so good to some of us as He is, and the amount of blessings we receive is amazing. If we would swing out clear of the world, flesh and the devil, and die to men, women and money, fine

clothes, dresses, hats, shoes, tobacco, and everything else on earth, as the early apostles did, giving God our very best time, energy and thought for all time and eternity, we can scarce imagine what God would do in us and through us. Let us try it any way. Amen!

Districts of Tennessee.

We have grouped the churches of Tennessee so as to form nine groups.

The following are the names of districts, and the churches in each district, with the names of district overseers or pastors:

1st. Cleveland district, W. C. Hockett, overseer; churches, Mineral Park, White Oak Mountain, and Kinsers Tabernacle; also taking in Union Grove and Mt. Olive.

2nd. North Chattanooga district, I. D. Bain, overseer; churches, North Chattanooga, White Side, South Pittsburg, Jasper, Kelley's Ferry, Whitwell and Mont Eagle.

3rd. Knoxville district, W. R. Anderson, overseer; churches, Knoxville, Solway, Lenoir City, Sweetwater, Lafollette and Sevierville.

4th. Jefferson City district, H. L. Trim, overseer; churches, Jefferson City, Morristown, Cedar Hill, and Talbot; also territory on Southern railroad as far as Johnson City.

5th. Copper Hill, district, W. A. Walker, overseer; churches, Copper Hill, Bell Town, Hiwassee and Tellico Plains.

6th. Harriman district, Charles Grisam, overseer; churches, Harriman, Browntown, Coalfield, Crab Orchard, Reeds Cross Roads, Armathwaite and Rockwood, including Oliver Springs.

7th. McMinnville district, E. J. Boehmer, overseer; churches, McMinnville, Oampaign, New Bethel, Cookeville, Pleasant Ridge and Brockdell.

8th. Soble district, G. T. Bronayer, overseer; churches, Soble, Liverwort, Kings Chapel, White Oak Flat, White Bluff and Tannery Flats.

9th. Soddy district, J. S. Llewellyn, overseer; churches, Soddy, Dividing Ridge, Daisy, Mt. Pleasant, Flat Top, Sale Creek, Graysville, Dayton, Cranmore Cove, and Grass Hopper.

Most of these overseers are now on their charge. So brethren let us pull together and look for great results this coming year.

F. J. Lee, Overseer of Tenn.

Cortez, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We have recently had a good meeting here conducted by Brother and Sister Buckalew. Our overseer, Brother Sam. C. Perry and Brother John W. Pitcher of Baltimore, Md., were with us also.

Brother Buckalew is in very poor health, so Brother Pitcher did nearly all the preaching. He gave out the truth in wonderful power and was an inspiration to all who are looking for deeper and richer things from God.

We hope Brother Pitcher will return soon and have a meeting in our neighbor city, St. Petersburg. Thousands of the wealthy northern class spend their winters there, and we feel sure that he could win many souls for Christ.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. M. F. Brown.

Hiwassee, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I desire to try to express my gratitude to God for His great goodness to me in healing my body after I had been sick five years and had been attended by

three physicians who could give me no relief. I became so weak at one time I could not get my hand to my mouth with my food.

By and by a Holiness preacher began a meeting in a school-house near our home. He taught that people must live free from sin. I made the remark that I knew that man didn't know anything about the Bible, that I had been a member of the Baptist Church twenty-six years and I knew that people couldn't live without sin.

The preacher came to our house the first night, and brought some others with him. After supper we were all in the room to see what would happen. I got my snuff, thinking that I didn't care for such trash as they seeing me use it. The preacher looked at me and said: "Sister, are you a Christian?" "No," I replied, "I don't think people can be Christians until after death." I didn't care if I did offend them. But they kept on talking to me.

One of the brethren said that they sang and prayed before retiring, but if we objected to their praying in the house they would go outside and have their prayers. I thought they were all crazy, but before they got through singing I changed my mind. I began to wonder what kind of people they were anyway. I never had heard such singing; there was something about it that went through my being. I soon saw that there was something about them that I did not understand and I began to feel very badly.

The next night I suggested to my husband that we go out to hear them. He agreed to go but said he didn't care about hearing them preach. However, we went to the service and took one of the rear seats. The folks sang, prayed and testified; their faces looked bright and they seemed to be the happiest people I ever saw. They said God had forgiven their sins, and that they were sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I saw that they had power.

I began to search my Bible and soon saw that I was condemned and on the way to hell. I took my Bible and went off to my room and for the first time in my life I fell on my face and cried out to God for mercy. I pleaded with Him to show me the right way. I said, "Lord, give me a clean heart; I want the experience that the other folks have that makes them so happy." Soon I felt the burden of my sins roll away. I cried out, "Glory to God! I have found the way!" I then began praying for the experience of sanctification. Glory to His name! He sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and the first thing I knew I was shouting and talking in tongues. Praise His name!

I promised God that if He would heal my body I would go where He wanted me to go, I would say what He wanted me to say, I would be what He wanted me to be. Praise His name! He wonderfully healed me and now I can walk three miles to church and back home again.

I do not want to go home to God empty-handed; I want to gather sheaves to place at my Master's feet. I mean to walk in all the light He gives me and do my best for Him.

I thank God for sending Brother Arthur Fortner here to preach for us. The Lord certainly blessed us in his meeting. I was received into the church during the meeting.

Glory to God! I mean to die on the battle field for Jesus.

Your sister in Christ,
Lucy Hawley.

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Testimony.

Dear Evangel:

I praise God for His goodness to me. He has wonderfully saved me and not only that, but He cleansed me from all unrighteousness and baptized me with the Holy Ghost.

I was among the number that had to register in June and am expecting to have to go to war soon if the Lord doesn't undertake for me. I want to ask all the praying people who read this to pray for me that I may be delivered from such a place as that; also pray for the other boys who are trusting God to deliver them.

I am longing for the coming of our blessed Lord who will lift us out of such trouble as there is in these last days.

Praise God! Oh I have so much to praise Him for even though I do have to endure all these trials. I mean to stand true to God and go through if it takes my life. Heaven would be my gain. Hallelujah to God in the highest!

Your brother in Christ,
Jasper Crews.

Louisville, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We are having a grand revival in Louisville. Souls are being saved and sanctified and many are seeking the baptism with the Holy Ghost. There have been several wonderful cases of healing.

We are expecting Brother Bryant at any time.

Please pray for us. We are looking for one of the greatest revivals Louisville has had in many years.

Your brother in Christ,
O. T. Adams.

Weir, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am glad to say I am still in the way of holiness, pressing on, trying to reach the mountain top. Praise God!

There is no time to idle away. We have just time to make the run. We know not when our Savior is coming.

I praise God for the Comforter who abides continually, and for a determination to go all the way with Jesus regardless of the cost.

There is just a few of us here. Please pray that we may always be humble and ready to do the Master's bidding.

Your sister,
Mildred Biggers.

At Rest.

Sister Nan Ford of Millport, Ky. departed this life Nov. 29, 1917, after an illness of about three months. She leaves to mourn her loss four sons, one daughter and many friends.

Sister Ford professed religion at the age of twelve years and about three years ago she was sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. She was never a member of any church, until she joined the Church of God.

One sister has been transported from this low ground of sorrow to the beautiful home of the redeemed. We all hope to meet her by and by.

S. P. Ford.

Plant City, Fla.

Dear Evangel Readers:

My heart has been burdened so much for the dear ones who are having to leave their loved ones to go to war.

I want to ask the saints every where to pray that my husband may be spared to me and our four helpless little ones. Please pray that he may not be compelled to go to the army.

My heart is almost bursting I feel that I could not live without the help of God

Your sister,
Carrie Dykes.

Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am still praising God for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. Praise His dear name! It is so sweet to trust in Jesus. I am so thankful that I am cleansed from all sin and my name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

I have been in the way about ten months and I mean to go through with Jesus. Glory to His name!

I love everybody. It is my heart's desire to see the lost come to Christ. I pray God to help me to press on and do something for the Lord.

Your sister in Christ,
Beatrice Hamilton.

Calton Hill, Long Is.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for sparing my life to see this morning. I still have the victory in my soul. Through the precious blood of Jesus I am saved and sanctified. He keeps me from sin each day. Praise His holy name!

Please pray for my loved ones that they may be brought to Christ.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Harden.

Districts of The State of Ga.

We have succeeded in dividing the state of Georgia into twenty-two divisions regardless of churches. We have divided the state so that we can give a description of all the needy fields.

We have churches in many of the districts, sometimes one, and then again we have more. But to be sure we want to get some in every district.

In the Atlanta district there are twelve counties, population, 487,466; Athens district, ten counties, population 191,39; Albany district seven counties, population 101,218; Augusta district eight counties, population 177,112; Bambridge district four counties, population 87,13; Brunswick district four counties, population 40,601; Columbus district seven counties, population 110,281; Cordele district four counties, population 76,564; Dublin district six counties, population 118,843; Dawson district five counties, population 60,504; Dahlonaga district five counties, population 47,888; Griffin district six counties, population 100,305; Lagrange district five counties, population 122,352; Macon district, nine counties, population 173,027; McRae district seven counties, population 14,358; Rome district four counties, population 115,021; Sparta district six counties, population 78,892; Savannah district eight counties, population 191,248; Tipton district five counties, population 265,851; Toccoa district seven counties, population 74,610; Valdosta, district five counties, population 91,718; Waycross dis-

trict six counties, population 18,016.

Many of these districts, as yet have no overseer. I hope to have an overseer to look after the work in each district. Any who desire to do evangelistic work can easily locate a field of labor.

I desire to correspond with any who expect work. I am now in position to assist the workers more than ever before. Please write me at once so that I can know of your whereabouts and can assist you if you should need my service.

I am your brother in the war for Jesus.

M. S. Lemons.

Long Island, Bahamas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising the Lord for what He has done for me. He has wonderfully saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. Praise His holy name! I am a member of the Church of God. I desire the prayers of the saints that I may be an overcomer.

Your sister in Christ,
Viola Harden.

Fall Cliff, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I thank God this morning for the great joy that is in my soul. I am so glad I am on the sunny side of life. I am on the run for glory. Praise the Lord! Jesus saves and sanctifies me and I desire your prayers that I may receive the Holy Ghost and talk in other tongues.

I want to do every thing I can for God. How I wish I were out in the harvest field, which is so ripe unto harvest!

It is indeed true that we have a battle to wage against the enemy here in this world, but if we keep pressing forward we shall win the victory. Let us pray more and keep our minds on the Lord, looking unto Him to do greater things for us.

Yours in Christ,
Sam Bryson.

Hughston, W. Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We praise the Lord for sending Brother Rumler to this place to give out the gospel message. The way is indeed narrow and few find it, but I am so glad I am one of the few. Praise the Lord!

I do praise Him for forgiving my sins, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I'm so glad salvation is full and free. Praise Him! I mean to go all the way with Jesus regardless of the cost.

Your sister in Christ,
Lizzie Paschal.

White Bluff, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise God for His goodness to me. As I write these lines joy floods my soul while tears flow down my cheeks.

I find in my heart no desire to go back into the world. I am looking for my Lord. Glory to God! We need to pray as we never have before.

I desire the prayers of all the saints.

Your brother,
T. F. Kephart.

Request For Prayer.

I want every reader of the Church of God Evangel to pray a special prayer for my mama that her eyes may be healed.

Eloise Greathouse.

Home Mission.

Sunday, Dec. 9, next Sunday, is set apart by the Assembly to observe as Home Mission Sunday.

I appeal to every minister and every church to remember this and do something substantial for the Home Mission work. Let every minister make a talk on the importance of home mission work and give opportunity for free will offerings. Let us make as good a showing as possible for the first.

A careful record will be kept at head quarters when the amounts are received and where they come from. Every church that contributes to this fund will be given proper credit. Any individual that sends in, that does not have opportunity to contribute at a church will be given credit for the amount sent.

We regard this as one among the most important actions of the Assembly at any time during the last thirteen years. We must reach the masses with this great message, and this is one great step toward success.

Remember this offering is to be taken next Sunday. Just do what you can the Lord will reward you.

Send the money collected to head quarters.

Brooksville, Fla.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I thank God for the great plan of salvation. He wonderfully saves and sanctifies me and the Comforter abides. Praise the Lord!

I praise the Lord for His healing power. I know He is able to heal all manner of diseases. I heard the truth in Tarpon Springs, Fla. I went there to visit my brother and attended a meeting which was in progress at that time. My first time at the services was on Saturday night; when the altar call was given I was the first one at the altar. But I failed to get blessed that night. The next day the devil tried to persuade me to not go to the altar; but as they sang, a dear old saint began shouting; I realized she had an experience that I did not have, and I did want it so much. When the altar call was given I went forward and began to cry for mercy. I paid no attention to the devil and in a short time the Lord wonderfully saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost.

The Lord has wonderfully healed my little girl of some kind of skin disease. I did everything for her that I knew to do and nothing did any good. After I got salvation and prayed for her the Lord healed her. It is wonderful how the Lord blesses His children.

I have been told by some that I am going crazy and do not know what I am doing, but praise the Lord, I know what God has done for me.

The Evangel comes to my home and I enjoy its contents very much.

Please pray for me and my unsaved loved ones.

Your sister in Christ,
Nettie Langford.

Bassenger, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am glad to say this morning that I am in the narrow way, still determined to go through with Jesus.

I am so glad that after living in sin twenty-six years Jesus loved me so much that He reached down one day and lifted me out of sin and set my feet on the solid rock, Christ Jesus, and I am still there today. I

never have any desire to go back to the old life, though of course, Satan tries in many ways to discourage me but I am determined to press on.

I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing us here at Bassenger. There are only a few of us but God is blessing.

Dear ones, we want to take the Bible as our guide in everything. Some of us need to conform to its teachings with regard to outward adorning. By wearing things that the Bible condemns we stand in the way of people and hinder their coming to Christ.

I want to ask all who read this to pray for us here that God will keep each one from the power of the enemy.

Your sister in Christ,
Jennie Campbell.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

I thank God for victory in my soul today.

The Lord is still blessing us. We had a wonderful all-day service on Thanksgiving.

The sick folks are being healed by the power of God. One sister who had been a sufferer for ten years and was pronounced incurable by the physicians is now praising God for perfect health.

I am longing to do more for the cause of Christ than ever before. I ask the saints to pray that we may have a place of our own in which to worship God. We are renting now; but we haven't room to accommodate the people.

May God bless you all.

Yours in Him,
O. F. Bright.

HE SENT A MAN
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He is not sending them to kill people, but God may have more of a hand in allowing them to go to the camps than we think. He allowed Joseph to be sold as a slave and by it got his way paid all the way to his destination. He allowed Paul to be put in prison and under guard so the government would pay his fare to Rome. This was the way he went, but God sent him to Rome.

God may have the government to pay the fare for our boys to get into some country where they can be missionaries in some way. We can not see it, but God's ways are higher than our ways. We do know that now is the time for the world to be evangelized, and every nation shall hear the gospel of the kingdom, which we alone can preach, and as they are taken away from our midst God may be sending them somewhere to preserve life. Those that have the authority may not mean it in that way, but God may mean it for good. I hope our boys will cheer up and not allow themselves to droop or become discouraged because they are forced off to the camps and to the war. God may be sending them some where to speak a word for Jesus that could never be done in any other way.

God sent Joseph, but it was by a rugged route. Who knows but He is sending you when you are going some hard troublesome way that seems all out of order and contrary to good judgment and reason.

As I write at the midnight hour my heart overflows with gratitude to God for ever sending some one to tell me of this wonderful way, and because I have learned that God's way of sending is often different from ours. But I always remember that God's ways are higher than our ways.

Beloved, if He sends you, do not back down because the way seems rugged. Remember Joseph, and push on no matter what you meet. God bless you!

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